

REMARKS

I. Introduction

In response to the Office Action dated November 2, 2005, Applicants have amended claims 12 – 14 by removing the dependency on claims 1 and 4. Claims 1 – 5 have been canceled. No new matter has been added.

In view of the foregoing amendments and the following comments, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

II. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-5 and 13-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0006439 to Bailey. Applicants traverse this rejection for at least the following reasons.

Claims 1 – 5 are canceled by this amendment. Claims 13 and 14 have been amended to remove the dependency on now cancelled claims 1 and 4. Claim 15 depends from claim 14. Accordingly, as claims 6, 10, and 11 were indicated to be allowed, it is respectfully submitted that claims 13 - 14, as amended, and original claim 15 are in condition for allowance at least by virtue of their dependency on allowed claims 6, 10, and 11.

III. Conclusion

Having fully responded to all matters raised in the Office Action, Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, an indication for which is respectfully solicited.

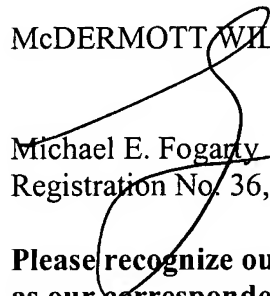
If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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